

MWRA REDUNDANT WATER MAIN PROJECT UPDATE

Work continues on the MWRA 36-inch redundant water main on West Street. This project is the first phase of the project to provide a redundant water supply from MWRA to Reading.

Construction started in October and the contractor has installed approximately 1600 linear feet of 36-inch diameter water main, installed valves and pipe connections into Louanis Drive for a future meter pit and started the pipe connection at South Street. Progress in the vicinity of Oak Street has been extremely slow due to the depth of the excavation, numerous utilities to cross and extremely high ground water. It is anticipated that the Oak Street work will be completed within a week.

Since January the contractor has had two crews working and it is expected that the installation of the final section of the West Street water main consisting of 800 linear feet of 36-inch main from the Woburn\Reading Town line to South Street will start within the next week.

The final pipe connection to the Town's water system on South Street will require a brief water shutdown to a few residents along South Street and Whitehall Lane. The date of this shut down is not know at this time and the affected residents will be notified in advance prior to the work. The contractor is presently performing test pits to confirm the location of existing utilities and once these are completed the pipe installation will start.



During installation of the water main along this section no detours are possible and the West Street traffic will be limited to one lane at a time. Officers will be on site to shuffle traffic through the construction zone one lane at a time.

It is anticipated that the remainder of the work should be completed by the end of February. However should winter weather force a shutdown of all work the project would resume in March and be completed by the end of March weather permitting.